

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 8, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Janine Anderson (Chairman)  
Orlando Alcorido, Jr.  
John Valentine  
Jerry Stein  
Brian Smith  
Marilyn Price  
Bill White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gary Woods  
Jim Critchley  
Brenda Sutton  
Gary Smith

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Janine Anderson, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Education Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NOVEMBER 16, 2006 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Jerry Stein to approve the minutes as written. **Motion carried.**

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Report from Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System**

1. Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief reported:

- a) The Bureau has had some staff changes. We now have a Biostatistician, Vatsal Chikani, to assist us in interpreting data for EMS and trauma, cardiovascular, injury, and various other areas.
- b) He recommended that the committee collaborate with the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) under PACES. They are looking to do a didactic pediatric session at a conference some time this summer.
- c) AEMS region is sponsoring the AEMS Odyssey on May 31 – June 1, 2007.
- d) SAEMS will be sponsoring an upcoming trauma conference.

**B. Chairman's Report**

- 1) Janine Anderson reported that the committee is back on track in getting curriculums up and running.
- 2) After the committee has caught up on new curriculums than they need to look at the old curriculums to see if they need to be revised.
- 3) Jerry Stein stated that he would start looking at one or two of the old curriculums because it will be a lengthy process and also due to the fact that the curriculums are not available electronically.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Discuss and action on draft curricula's for:**

###### **1. LMA**

- a) This draft was typed from documents that were originally approved by EMS Council in 1999-2000.
- b) Question as to whether LMA is in the scope of practice (substantative policy).
- c) A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Jerry Stein that the Education Committee interpret and approve that the LMA is an approved skill within the scope of practice of I-EMTs 99's and paramedics. **Motion carried.**

**Item: LMA Curriculum**

**Follow-up: Next Agenda for EMS Council, PMD, and MDC**

**When: EMS and MDC (April 19, 2007) and PMD (May 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Who: Ed Armijo**

**\*\* ACLS training is not required by the state.**

###### **2. Combitude**

A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Jerry Stein to approve the curriculum as written. The rule for Combitude states that the refresher course is 4 hours long.

Some recommendations that were made:

- Inserting a watermark "DRAFT" across working documents;
- Inserting a watermark "FINAL" across approved documents;
- Finding a process to review guidance documents that are on the website;
- Inserting an approval date on guidance documents and the date they were last reviewed;
- That the labeling and format be consistent;
- Sarah Harpring asked whether this document would be replacing a current guidance document called "Recommendations for EMT-B Use of an ETDLAD?"
- This document was never formally accepted by the Department;
- To be enforceable the document has to be in rule;
- This document has been on the website since November 2005 in the guidance document list;
- This document was adopted by the Department after it was approved by MDC and PMD;
- Janine Anderson stated that Agenda Item IV. A. 2 – Curriculum is a more thorough document;
- In the past, the committee was asked by EMS Council and MDC not to use proprietary names.

A friendly amendment was made by Jerry Stein and seconded by Brian Smith to amend this document and move it forward to EMS Council for recommendation. **Motion carried.**

**Item:** Combitube – Discussion and Action Item  
**Follow-up:** Next Agenda - EMS Council  
**When:** April 19, 2007  
**Who:** Ed Armijo

- Sarah Harpring stated that she would reformat documents to make them consistent.
- Discussion ensued regarding amending the rule of the refresher curriculum to shorten the time requirement.

### **3. Easy IO**

- This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**Item:** Easy IO  
**Follow-up:** Next Agenda – Education Committee  
**When:** May 17, 2007  
**Who:** Ed Armijo

### **4. Auto Vent (ATV)**

- Refresher courses are not required for ATVs;
- Janine Anderson asked Chris Black to send his comments/issues in regards to Basic-EMT- ATV;
- Discussion ensued on whether paramedics using hospital ventilator are within their scope of practice.

Some recommendations that were made:

- One hour of didactic lecture would not be sufficient;
- Breaking it out for each part or reducing some parts of it;
- Define the functions of the Auto Vent and the functions of the CPAP. For clarification of what type of Auto Vents and CPAPs paramedics can use;
- That the departments do some research on the definition of Auto Vents and CPAPs and come back to the next meeting.

**Item:** Auto Vent (transport ventilators) and CPAPS  
**Follow-up:** Next Agenda – Education Committee  
**When:** May 17, 2007  
**Who:** Joel Bunis

### **5. CPAP**

A motion was made by Jerry Stein and seconded by John Valentine to table items 3, 4, and 5.

**Motion carried.** Committee members were asked to review these documents before the next meeting.

**Item:** CPAP  
**Follow-up:** Next Agenda – Education Committee  
**When:** May 17, 2007  
**Who:** Ed Armijo

**B. Discussion and action on requiring training programs to secure written final Examinations at all level of EMT Training.**

- a) A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Jerry Stein to approve the changes to R9-25-301 presented in the packet. The motion was voted on: three members opposed this motion (Brian Smith, Jerry Stein and Marilyn Price).

**The motion did not pass.**

- b) What is the purpose of the evaluation and not divulging any of the test questions beforehand;  
c) Discussion ensued on what is preventing somebody from putting the answers to the test on the Internet;  
d) After taking the state's test the student still has to take the National Registry Test;  
e) Discussion ensued regarding using the test bank of questions to generate quizzes;  
f) Question as to whether the students could memorize the answers;  
g) What is considered learning and what is considered memorizing?

**C. Discussion and action on forming a work group to recommend requirements for online EMT education and definition of a "contact hour".**

- a) Jim Critchley is not available to chair the workgroup. Janine Anderson asked if anyone else would like to chair this workgroup.  
b) Jerry Stein volunteered to chair the workgroup along with Brenda Sutton and Brian Smith.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and action to formulate a curriculum for EMT instructors in order to help standardize the training process.**

Some recommendations that were made:

- At the minimum a 24 hour class would be required for EMT Instructors to take.
- Chris Black recommended that there really needs to be a certification credential that goes along with the instructor and a way to maintain credentialing. To verify knowledge and teach skills.
- That there needs to be standardization and consistency for EMT instructors.
- We put back the preceptor wording into the rules (1996-1998).
- Discussion ensued that DHS used to require that instructors have 100 hours of instruction teaching.
- The old requirement in rule was too many hours and the current rule isn't enough.
- There is no assessment of the training programs.
- Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of reinstituting the old rules.

- Joel Bunis reported that the Bureau is currently working on this right now.
- He stated that he will bring some examples of language for the instructor curriculum to the next meeting.

**Item:** Discussion and action to formulate a curriculum for EMT instructors in order to help standardize the training process.  
**Follow-up:** Next Agenda – Education Committee  
**When:** May 17, 2007  
**Who:** Joel Bunis

**B. Discussion and action on request to change Psychomotor Skills for Paramedic Certification proposed by Greg Chmara.**

- Each specialization of the psychomotor skills is a certification in itself.
- There is concern over the liability and the cost of teaching each of these certifications.
- Discussion ensued whether each certification is necessary.
- These requirements can only be changed in rule.
- This item was tabled to the next meeting so Greg could be there to present.

**Item:** Discussion and action on request to change Psychomotor Skills for Paramedic Certification proposed by Greg Chmara.  
**Follow-up:** Next Agenda – Education Committee  
**Old Business**  
**When:** May 17, 2007  
**Who:** Greg Chmara

**VI. CALL TO PUBLIC**  
 No one came forward.

**VII. MEMBERS EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 The intermediate to paramedic online application 318-Exhibit has an extra box. It needs to be erased and then download new application.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**  
 The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for May 17, 2007.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**  
 The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary:

Donna Meyer